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Democracy in Increments - The Arar Commission

By Garth Mullins

The Report from the Maher Arar Commission (www.ararcommission.ca) makes for disturbing reading. Commissioner O'Connor's Report castigates the RCMP, CSIS and elements in the last government for their complicity in the deporting ("rendition") of a Canadian citizen to a Syrian cell the size of a grave. Arar spent a year enduring torture and isolation while the government representatives, consular officials, CSIS agents and RCMP officers conspired to keep him there and being interrogated. The RCMP shared thin, trumped up, or non-existent "evidence" of bogus links to Al-Qaeda with their US counterparts.

It all started in New York, where Arar was detained and eventually deported to Syria where authorities asked questions on behalf of Canada and the US, finally extracting a confession using beatings and isolation. The Canadian state then used this dodgy confession as justifications to

drag their feet on obtaining his release and smeared his name once he was returned to Canada.

The torture of Maher Arar, like so much else in the global economy, was outsourced, contracted out.

The "confession" was shared among many law enforcement agencies, including in the US, without the proviso that it was beaten out of Maher, who, like anyone else, would likely have said anything after being kidnapped, enduring extensive beatings and living in isolation.

The US uses "rendition" to deport terror suspects to countries where torture is routinely used as a way to skirt the Geneva conventions and interrogate without due process or civil liberties. Bush has admitted to the existence of (no longer quite so) secret prisons in Eastern Europe and is trying to defend the use of dodgy tactics with the several hundred prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, many of whom have been there since shortly after 9/11. Only a dozen have ever been charged. The Red Cross has been denied access to the facility and its inmates.

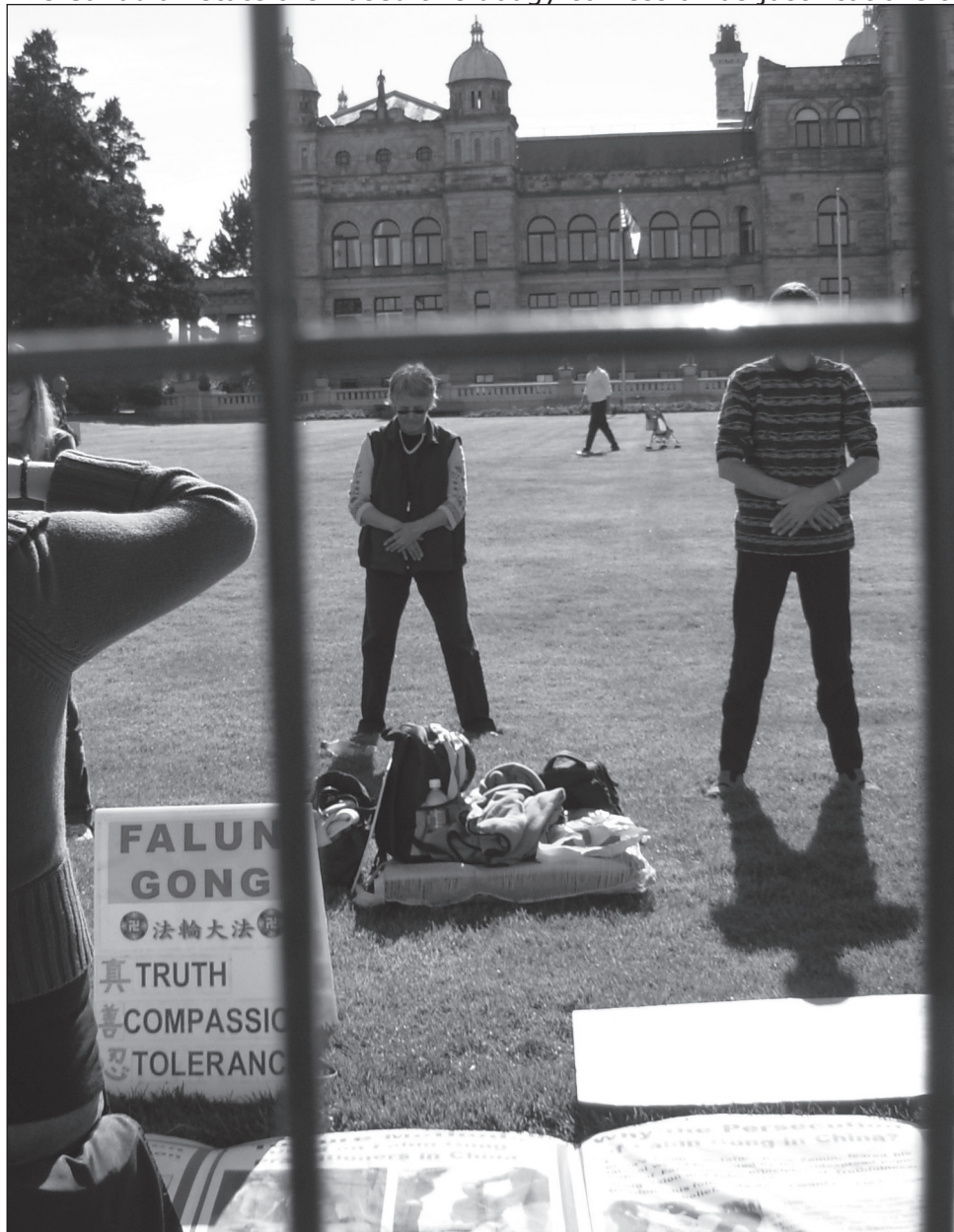
George W. Bush has just passed legislation to make legal what the Geneva Convention and US Supreme Court and have long found troubling; stripping the pesky civil liberties of non-US citizens being investigated for terror related matters. Habeas corpus, facing accusers, right to a good defence, prohibition of hearsay evidence and other fundamental rights that go back to the Magna Carta are being swept aside in these military tribunals.

Back in the 1970s, when rock was called "progressive" for some reason, the MacDonald Commission investigated an RCMP campaign of dirty tricks against the Quebec separatist movement. The Commission decided that the RCMP was ill suited to intelligence work (duh!) and called for the formation of CSIS. The Arar Commission has found the RCMP at it again, but also that CSIS was complicit and working with the Mounties. One can only imagine the extent to which the Arar case typifies a systemic problem. There are a number of people held without charge for indeterminate lengths of time on "security certificates" in Canada. Part of the Arar report is a review of Canada's legislative and judicial response to 9/11 – the only such review of the sweeping changes made in response to the attacks.

I have seen up close the shortcomings of administrative justice in Canada, having been party to the aborted public hearings in to the so-called "Riot at the Hyatt" as well as an inquiry into the APEC pepper-spray incident and collusion between police and government to sanitize that Summit of any signs of dissent. At the very least, the RCMP needs much more civilian oversight and democratic accountability. However, police misconduct is often symptomatic of larger ills. Canada needs to resign from the "War on Terror," with its fronts in Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel / Palestine and of course the front here at home (and in the UK and US) where civil rights are being eroded in the name of national security. These quasi-legal tribunals and inquiries only produce recommendations which police and government can and frequently do ignore. Such bodies can unearth some interesting facts but for the most part they serve a propaganda function, to insure Canadians that someone is minding the shop and we can all go back to sleep.

Recently, the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement is holding an international conference in Vancouver "Civilian Oversight – Striking The Right Balance" where an international police accountability body has been inaugurated. It is hoped that such an organization could look into and prevent incidents like what happened

to Arar, however, Canada and Vancouver are themselves unable to exert civilian oversight onto local and national law enforcement bodies. Much of the Arar Report was censored – blacked out, sections of unknown size represented by three small asterixes or just not released,



Meditating for justice - Falun Gong practitioners Marie Beaulieu and Joan Quain meditate outside the Legislature to protest the ongoing persecution against Falun Gong in China. Human Rights Watch estimates that at least 10,000 practitioners have been tortured to death since the persecution started in 1999.

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Letters to the editor

I’ve just read your “Victoria Street Newz July 2006” cover to cover. It gives me much joy and hope for mankind. Every article, letter and poem from the hearts of good people. God would say: “These are my children, with whom I am well pleased.” Righteousness personified.

Janine, I admine you tremendously. I honestly feel your wonderful newspaper (or viewspaper?) should be subscribed to by every church and every school. To me it is a living (now) version of the Bible. “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Pretty simple, but the only answer.

All of you make me happy in your fight for righteousness, I’m well pleased, to be a part of your glorious quest for love & peace.

I would very much like a subscription to the Victoria Street Newz. I have enclosed a cheque for \$20, I assure you I am low income in cash, but very wealthy in the important things.

In Jesus’ name and love, Lea Johnston.

Dear Janine,

Your September issue of Victoria Street Newz was a winner & I see that it has engendered real wet rain to match the (r)evolution downpour. I like the better paper & continue to applaud the centre-fold of happenings & resources.

Sincerely, Constance

p.s. I had paused to look over my copy of Sept/06 & forgot to say - extra \$ to cover 5 additional copies I plan to mail (out of town). If you've sold out and one day that will happen - just keep the extra.

Hey. There was an article in the Victoria Times Colonist today (Oct 17th). I think it makes me look crazy- so I responded.

Dear Times Colonist,

Regarding the article in the Oct. 17th issue titled ‘Homeless man accuses Crown of sin of pride’- Just a couple of little points I wanted to bring up.

I was quoted saying “There is an exception to the rule of law and that exception is the rule of God.” I did not say that. I said the exception was the ‘supremacy of God’ as it is written in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I brought up the consideration that there is a reason the Charter says that and that it has something to do with quantifying what conscientiousness is. I did say that as long as any government failed to take into account the exception to the ‘Rule of Law’ any motion towards an enlightened society will be blocked... and that it is an intimidating factor for the ‘crown’ and the courts to legally adhere to a universal and absolute truth when that truth points to the illegality of a delusion that the majority holds. Namely pride (A.K.A. that there is no reason] to be proud because any individual can only be a conduit of their experience and not a maker of original thought- which is to say the ‘crown’ is guilty of spite in its naive doling out of ‘justice). Another thing that would have been good to mention is how insulted the ‘crown’ was in that I ceased going to St. Ann’s because of my own inspiration and not because the ‘crown’ ordered me to.

The judge is scheduled to give his ruling on Friday (Oct. 20th) at 1:45 PM. I will see if I go back to jail for 24 days or 44 days or another 3 months or not go back at all. There is also a chance that there will be a ‘de novo’ sentencing trial where all evidence is again presented.

Patience be with us all.
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From the Boondocks

by Ceritanne

Ever wonder who makes up the “Laws of the Land” (Biblical quote from the former BC Liberal Labour Minister, Graham Bruce)? Ever wonder if the original thoughts comprising many laws and Acts are scribbled out on a napkin in a pub over a few beers?

The BC Legislature didn’t open up for work this fall because the Liberals decided in their superior wisdom (choke) that there was no need to “make more laws.” OK, fine, no more laws but how about the existing ones? Are they just peachy-keen or do they need a little tweaking here and there as in “amendments” once it’s been discovered that they just aren’t working for the average citizen or run counter to other “laws”?

I live in the boondocks just north of Ladysmith out in an area that falls under the Agricultural Land Reserve. This area consists of a mixture of large and small farms plus small residential holdings from the average city lot size to small acreages. Within the Community Plan and Agricultural Land Reserve, livestock, such as horses, are permitted on properties that are not farms. In fact, within the only single-family dwelling residential subdivision in the area, horses are permitted. Within this area, and the subdivision, there is no piped in city water and residents all rely on wells for drinking water and everyone has their own septic tanks & fields. Talk about drinking your own pee!

Well, I’m pretty much an independent person and if I’m able to take care of any problem and resolve it on my own I will. However after conducting the appropriate research, writing to and speaking with the Ministry of Environment representative in Nanaimo, it has become more than evident that there is a conflict in land use practices that will continue to cause difficulties between neighbours with respect to possible well water contamination through close proximity to livestock, in this case horses.

Hey, the average horse pumps out 50 pounds of manure per day...multiple that by 365 days per year and voila 18,250 pounds of crap a few feet from drinking water wells. Yeatch.

On November 1st, 2005 a new regulation that affects all private well owners in BC came into force.



The Ground Water Protection Regulation, Including Well Protection and Ground Water Stewardship for Rural Areas, which specifically and clearly states that there must be “a minimum 30m/100 ft from potential sources of contamination, such as septic field, dog run, chicken coop, animal range...”

Also, existing wells are legally required to meet the minimum construction standards including a “secure and vermin-proof cap...installed by October 31, 2007 if the well, regardless of when it was constructed, does not have a cap.”

I have two wells on my property and, according to the Ministry rep; both meet the standards required. However, the neighbour with the horses (one is a Clydesdale, that must be good for 70 pounds of crap per day) does not have a well that meets

any such standards (no cement liner, no cement cap, susceptible to pooling around the well and run-off) and his horses are separated from that well by the width of a wire fence and his horses “range” within 25’ of my well.

Should my neighbour decide to sell his property I foresee this situation being an on-going battle which I will constantly have to fight as real estate agents advertise the property next door as being a “horse lovers paradise” when in

reality it is a freaking nightmare.

It is obvious there has to be an amendment to the Agriculture Land Reserve Act to accommodate the 100-foot setback from wells within BC’s Ground Water Protection Regulation and/or Act. Therefore, the questions I’ve posed to my MLA are: Within the ALR is there such a setback regulation already? If not, where do I go from here in drawing this to the attention of the government? How should I best approach this conflict between the properties in question being within the ALR zoned for livestock and the new Ground Water Protection Regulation setback for livestock ranging within 100 feet of existing wells? Do I take it to the Regional District and have them deal with it? Or, will you deal with it?

This is but one example of conflicting legislation which indicates how we as citizens can’t just sit back thinking that what passes through legislation is the be all and end all or even well (no pun intended) thought through, taking each and every outworking of proposed legislation into account prior to third reading. Is there a need for a Citizen’s Legislative Review Board prior to legislation being passed into law? What do you think?

Canada, World Warrior

by Chris L. Cook

"We would like to recognize the Women in Black, who bring their message on behalf of children and a world free of violence. Their being here is a wonderful example of the freedoms we enjoy in this great country, and it reminds us of what your navy, army and air force is all about around the world. They also remind us that it is not the Poet that brings us freedom of speech; it is not the Reporter that brings us freedom of the press; it is not the Activist that gives us freedom to protest; it is the tens of thousands of Canadian soldiers, sailors, and airmen who, at the direction of their elected government, serve their country and fought and died for those freedoms in two world wars, Korea, and today in Afghanistan, where the Taliban would not tolerate such a public expression by women and children; and, we would like the people of Afghanistan to have that freedom."

– Military PA speaker, Navy Days 2006

Last month, Victoria celebrated Navy Days: Discover Your Canadian Forces down at Ogden Point, usual beachhead for the armadas of cruise ships and their armies of passenger-tourists visiting the city every year. Navy Days is the occasion where the Canadian Forces remind us, as well as a tourist destination, Victoria is too a military town.

And so it was, on a blue-brilliant early Autumn afternoon, several thousands of the citizenry milled about, looking at displays of equipment, trying out air rifle shooting ranges, climbing in and out, on and off, tanks, ships, and helicopters and, in one of the field tents, the little ones were getting their faces painted with camouflage grease paint, while a marshal band on hand played the anthem as prelude to public signing of oaths made by raw recruits to serve.

According to the glossy pamphlet I received on entry, the 6,000 plus strong Maritime Forces Pacific and Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt is the third largest employer in the Capital Regional District, and spends nearly \$500 million in payroll, supplies, and services annually. This year, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific/Joint Task Force (Pacific), Rear Admiral Roger Girouard, OMM, CD informs, they decided to revive the practice of leaving HMC Dockyard and Esquimalt Garrison to come into the community and mingle with the neighbours.

Different too this year from Navy Days past is the position those recruits risk finding themselves in: Canada in this 2006 is no longer keeping "peace" around the world, but is waging war under the political and military direction of foreign allies in America and NATO. And, unlike in years past, Canadian soldiers, sailors, and airmen are returning home these last two months maimed, killed, and traumatized on a near daily basis.

George Bush, and the three Prime Ministers to hold office in Canada since the beginning of the bombing, invasion, and occupation of Afghanistan, have all declared 'The Mission' is a just response to the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States. For that, the never

fully investigated crime of the young century, uncounted thousands of Afghanis have been killed, hundreds of thousands more injured, orphaned, and rendered homeless. Afghanistan has paid mightily for "its" alleged transgressions against America, but there is no end to their punishment in sight: Canada's political and military leadership say 'The Mission' could last another decade, or more.

For the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Colombia, Haiti, and elsewhere this war has meant chaos, death, and destruction; for the people of America, Canada, Britain, and those other nations allied to the cause, it has meant the evisceration of civil freedoms and judicial rights dating back to the founding of the new world democracies, and beyond to the inspiration for the English Common Law, the 13th century Magna Carta Libertatum.

For the people of Iran, Syria, Venezuela, and North Korea it means nervously watching the rampaging war machine prosecute its war on "terror," hoping the beast's enemies abroad can keep it occupied.

George W. Bush, Stephen Harper, Tony Blair, John Howard, and all their lesser

enablers in the Global War on Terror are right when they claim it's a world-wide war, but what they fail to mention is: YOU, not some shadowy terror cell, are the real target. It is YOUR heart and YOUR mind they wish to conquer. YOUR liberty and rights they would quash.

Standing with the Women in Black in the middle of a grotesque display of weaponry made family fun, it becomes clear what their future holds. And, though the military PA says they're happy to see us, the recent actions of governments and courts reveal a darker time is ahead for we who would protest. Why? Because GWOT hates OUR freedoms.

In the beginning, it was called the 'Global War on Terror,' sometimes abbreviated as "GWOT," an acronym as awkward on the tongue as it is ingenuous in its definition. Five years and more since it's first appearance in the lexicon, The Global War on Terror is a term now seldom heard and, while it's true, GWOT is a war global in scope, it is less about protecting the hoi polloi from terrorists than it is an effort to secure through terror what's left of the Earth's riches for an international elite intent on maintaining their stranglehold on civilization.

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The Primary Paradigm: The Separation of the Church from the State

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The separation of state and church forms the primary paradigm and fundamental foundation upon which the edifice of a democratic, secular society is constructed and endures. Historically and presently, we observe that, when the church insinuates itself into the political process, human rights are devalued or non-existent and democracy is swept into the dustbin of history. Democracy flourishes and can only flourish within the milieu of the free exchange of ideas and in the recognition that human rights are self-evident truths. Civilizations advance when the injustices of the past are recognized as such, and measures are taken to rectify these historical prejudices.

Citing religious tomes to legitimate a current prejudice by asserting that its historical cultural relevance establishes that legitimacy, merely reveals the archaic nature of the prejudice; the prejudicial fallibility of the original thinker, as expressed in myth and legend; and the reticence of contemporary religions to recognize this unjustified intolerance, then adjust their beliefs accordingly. Lot was wrong, as were Moses, Israel and other Old Testament prophets; their ignorance of human rights, democracy, nature, the planet, and the universe invalidates most invented truths they espoused. An idea's antiquity does not validate it. Simply because certain ideas were expressed thousands of years ago by religious zealots does not validate either that historical or this contemporary religious bias.

Current Christian attitudes towards gay and lesbian rights find their source in the Biblical myth of Lot's experience in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and God's destruction of these cities as punishment for the inhabitants' supposed deviant behaviour. Lot hated gays; God hated gays; the modern Church hates gays—a continuum of hatred: senseless, meaningless, dangerous. Conversely, Christ taught love and forgiveness—concepts foreign to contemporary religions.

The King James Version of the Bible records Christ as saying that, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (italics mine, John 3:16). Christ did not equivocate; he loved the world and whosoever believed in him was promised everlasting life. Nothing in the Synoptic Gospels of the New Testament specifies heterosexual Christians as Christ's chosen people; nothing is said

regarding Baptists, Methodists, Quakers, Anglicans, Catholics, Evangelical Christians, or the religious right. Nothing. In fact, Christ spent little or no time in the synagogue, preferring the company of the hoi polloi and rural folk to Church leaders, merchants, or bankers; today, you would find Christ teaching and living among the homeless, but never preaching in a church.

All that the modern Christian church stands for is what Christ preached against. Christ demanded that we turn the other cheek; that we do unto others, as we would have them do unto us; that we forgive those who trespass against us; that we feed the hungry, house the homeless, and love our neighbours as we do ourselves. He taught love and tolerance, forgiving even those people who betrayed and crucified Him. In part, Christ came to modernize the old laws of Moses and reform the Jewish religion; He recognized the need for the Church to re-evaluate its role in a new age—the world had changed and continues to change.

Our contemporary culture guarantees the rights of gays and lesbians to enter into the institution of marriage, as we have decided as a society that this should be their self-evident right. Evangelical Christians reject this right, arguing that the institution of marriage has always been defined as and restricted to the joining of heterosexuals in matrimony. Historically, marriage has always been between a man and a woman, or a man and several women. While that observation is true, what it articulates is the historical prejudice of deeply religious people against gays and lesbians. The rationale of the Christian and other churches for denying gays and lesbians the right to marriage is that they have always denied gays and lesbians this right, and they should have the privilege to continue to persecute them. What worked for Lot six thousand years ago is good enough for modern zealots.

Unlike the rest of contemporary society, the Supreme Court of Canada, and the majority in the House of Commons, which accept the right of gays and lesbians to marry, the religious right demands the entitlement to continue their antiquated prejudice and persecution of these people. As first reported in the *Globe and Mail*, our current Prime Minister—a devout member of the Christian right—is currently contemplating a law that will protect the Church against this cultural advance, as if the right of Evangelical Churches supersedes the rights of these individuals. In a secular, self-governing society, the only right that should be curtailed is the right of the Church to insinuate its beliefs and practices into the democratic process; we separated the church and the state for this very reason.



by Cory Figura - cfigura@shaw.ca

As I sit here wondering what the fate of the world is after watching yet another climate, or global warming show, I can't help but to rack my brain for viable solutions to the problem.

However, I can't help but to wonder if maybe this isn't just another one of Mother Nature's many wonders. It's no secret the world has gone through many, many different forms of violent and sudden climatic changes. So maybe me trying to do the little things I have been advised of over the years, you know, like making sure to turn out the lights and shut off the TV before I go out for the evening, are in vain.

But maybe not. Who knows for sure right? Somehow, I feel like it might be a little too late sometimes, and no choices any of us makes now, or in the near future, are going to make any difference at all. Does that mean I should stop caring? Should I just wait for whatever it is She has waiting in the wind for all of us, without a care, or concern, for anything I and others might do?

Well, I can only say if I was to take that attitude I would be giving up. And I'm no quitter. So what do I do about it? Turn out the lights? Shut off the TV? I guess that's a start, but in my opinion, after watching the shows that sparked this flash in my creative output, its going to take a little more than just me becoming energy aware.

So, after thinking about it, I can't help but to wonder about solar energy. It seems to me that there has to something there with that. The problem that I find immediately confronting me however, like always, is man's insatiable need for the almighty dollar.

See with solar panels there is no power bill at the end of the month. In other words, nobody can cash in on a person who chooses this alternative to being connected to the power grid. It's a one-time purchase. Except maybe for a few batteries here and there, but I'm sure there is a scientist someplace who could create one that would last a lot longer than any commercial outlet could provide at present time.

But in the vision I have of how we can start to make changes that effect the climate system of our planet in positive ways, I see a lot of solar panels. In fact, I would start by establishing a plan to have every major shopping center in Canada run on solar energy. Imagine the load that would be removed from the power grid. Enough to run all the crazy little gadgets that are invading the homes of Canadians from BC clear to the edge of Newfoundland.

It's easy to see where the nearly unbearable strain on the power grids comes from. Just look around your homes, every outlet has something plugged in it, or has a charger waiting to be docked with its cell phone, I Pod, rechargeable drill or other hand tools. In the summer it's air conditioners, in the winter, space heaters. Whatever it is, there is a constant and never ending demand for energy.

And as far as I can tell, by all the reports and TV documentaries I've seen on the subject, we need to find ways to lighten the load. The constant problem with that is nobody wants to listen to anything that can't provide a constant source of income. It seems the truth of the matter is money is more important than the actual truth. By The Truth I mean saving the planet. Again and again I've heard the same old story about how these panels cost so much money and such, but it's just like a package of cigarettes. They sell you a pack for nine dollars but it's really worth about twenty-five cents.

So I guess to solve the problem of global warming we really need to solve the problem of human greed. And let me tell you, that is going to be one big challenge.

So what's the point then? If the solar panel companies are going to insist on making this obvious solution a financial nightmare for individuals and big businesses alike, why should I care? Why should I care if a super mall like West Edmonton was removed from the power grid lightening the load for everybody else? Why would I care if every forty-story high rise apartment building is running off energy it had created because of its self sustaining architectural design?

When I do try to care, all I think about is the guy who currently provides us with the energy we consume doing everything in his power to block any attempt which would not have us handing over the money for our bill at the end of each month. To me the problem is that simple. Greed is the problem. It's not that these alternatives are really that expensive. It's that other people stand in the way of progress, bowing at the feet of Satan, pledging to have this insane system of never ending consumption on the part of the regular citizens, and never ending profits for the people (and I use that word lightly) at the other end.

Global warming? I guess I have no choice but to suffer the fate that every last one of us are going to have to face as well. I know the things they told me in high school that would take one hundred years to happen, have already taken place. And it's barely even twenty years ago they told me that. All I can say for sure, is to me, it makes a lot more sense to take this seriously. Whether this change in climate is something we did, or Mother Nature herself is responsible for, someone who is my age is probably going to have to deal with the consequences whatever they may be.

And I say, with the facts we have to learn from, making the changes available at a reasonable cost, seems like a great place to start. And we'll know we are on the right path when greed is replaced by an honest concern for the future of the planet itself.



Sadly, much of this comes as no surprise. What is most problematic is how people are becoming so desensitized to such revelations and that this has become so normal - business as usual. We are all encouraged to get behind the fight against terror and support the export of the commodity of democracy. The truth is that leaders in this "coalition of the Ill-in'" are using fear to distract and terrorize citizens from the reality that the democratic features of political life are being dismantled (as was the Keynesian Welfare State in the 1990s) while the state itself becomes increasingly repressive. The destruction of democracy



is not always as dramatic as planes crashing into buildings. It is usually more insidious and incremental.

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THE TRAITOROUS IMPLEMENTATION OF NORTH AMERICAN UNION BY 2007

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Few Canadians have heard about North American Union by 2007. It is the administrative surrender of Canadian sovereignty, the subordination of Canadian borders, foreign and defence policy and loss of control over our water oil and other natural resources to US interests.

The implications for Canadian sovereignty are profound. Not only do we lose control over our borders but we also give up our ability to express our independent foreign and defence policies. We would give up our right to use our military to support UN peacekeeping operations rather than providing cannon-fodder for George Bush's Wars on Terrorism. In addition we lose all control over our water, oil and other minerals in a continental security arrangement subordinated to US interests.

The corporate elites have adopted a new approach. NAU '07 will be introduced by administrative stealth rather than an agreement such as the FTA, and NAFTA which were debated in Parliament and generated public opposition.

Thus, few Canadians are aware of North American Union because the collusion of the corporate controlled press supporting the decision to keep the topic and negotiations secret.

NAU '07 can be defeated. If the NDP Party raised abrogation of NAFTA and killing NAU '07 as the major issue for the coming elections, we can still retain our independence and sovereignty.

For more information about NAU:

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www.canadianactionparty.ca

by cyann ray

Like the Canadian stereotype, I sit on the proverbial fence unable to take a side on some issues. When it comes to safe injection sites (S.I.S.), I've found myself slipping off the fence and shifting my opinion further to the left. I once viewed S.I.S.'s as enabling institutions that actually made things worse. But after attending a riviting lecture by Norm Stamper (retired Seattle police chief), I now fully support them. In the June '06 issue of VICTORIA STREET NEWZ, I wrote about Stamper's speech and, (hopefully), shed some much needed light on the whole drug war issue. I had been quite limited in my understanding of intervenous drug use having never been involved nor knowing anyone involved. As an outsider looking in, I remain quite puzzled as to why a person would chose to put a needle into their arm in the first place. Don't most people hate needles?

For sure our youth are curious rebels bent on being different. Every generation feels that way when they're struggling through adolescence and that oft bumpy road into adulthood. Kids need to fit in with a "cool" peer group. What constitutes "cool" varies depending on familial influences, socio-economic environment, education and , of course, what decade it is!

I grew up in the 70's and it was cool to smoke pot so my friends and I did just that. Admittedly, I tried various other intoxicants, but only the pot felt okay and never left me feeling poorly or regretful. So how come some kids are content with smoking the herb while others feel a need for a "greater" (?) high?

I'm thinking that boredom, insufficient (or inappropriate) family support, poverty and homelessness are all influencial when it comes to "lost" curious youth experimenting with I.V. drugs. Of course once they are addicted, it's the nature of the addiction that keeps them trapped. And it's these addicts that then become a problem to the larger circle.

I still don't condone intervenous drug usage but I absolutely resent a public policy that fails to address the underlying contributing factors to such anti-social and destructive behaviour. We all should, for we are all effected by used syringes strewn about town and by the strain addicts place on our police and medical resources.

I can clearly see how providing a safe place to inject drugs does little if anything to discourage drug usage, however, I totally accept safe injection sites as part of the community solution. We cannot stop people from consuming intoxicants, but we can make things safer for those involved as well as the rest of us.

By Tavis Dodds

At 8:30 on the morning of September 30th, 2006, the Woodward's building on Hastings and Abbott came crashing down to make way for condominiums.

It has been hard to watch the building come down, for many of us it has brought up memories of the past. It symbolizes our heritage and identity. It is both a revitalization and a gentrification, or development in the interests of the ruling class. So many people blame the drug-slaves for their own decrepitude, and so many others blame the rich who benefit from the billion dollar industry built on the backs of downtown eastside residents. I blame myself for the victimization of substance abusers that makes it possible to knock down all the old buildings and put up new ones.

Albert Thompson told me of when he was up on the tower to receive the 'W' sign. "It came down in two pieces and I was there to weld them together. Back then there wasn't much higher. You can imagine the view I had."

Lydia Jeal told me about how, as a little girl, she and her sister used to play hopscotch on the sidewalk out front. "People used to walk past and throw down money for us. Our parents scolded us for taking money from strangers, but 'what were we supposed to do,' we'd tell them, 'throw it back at them?'"

Jeal had passed away before Eaton's moved to the Pacific Center, the Bay went bankrupt and the neighbourhood began its downward spiral. Thompson died around the time that anti-poverty activists seized the building and halted development.

On Sept. 21st, 2002, Vancouver Police broke down barricades and arrested 58 people. Protesters were beaten, choked, and pepper sprayed. Then on Sunday night police blocked off traffic and attacked the people living around the perimeter of the building. People were clubbed. Police smashed one woman's face into the ground. Then there was a march and the protesters drove off the police and held the building until Dec. when the activists were relocated to temporary accommodation.

Then on the following March the city bought the building from the province for 5

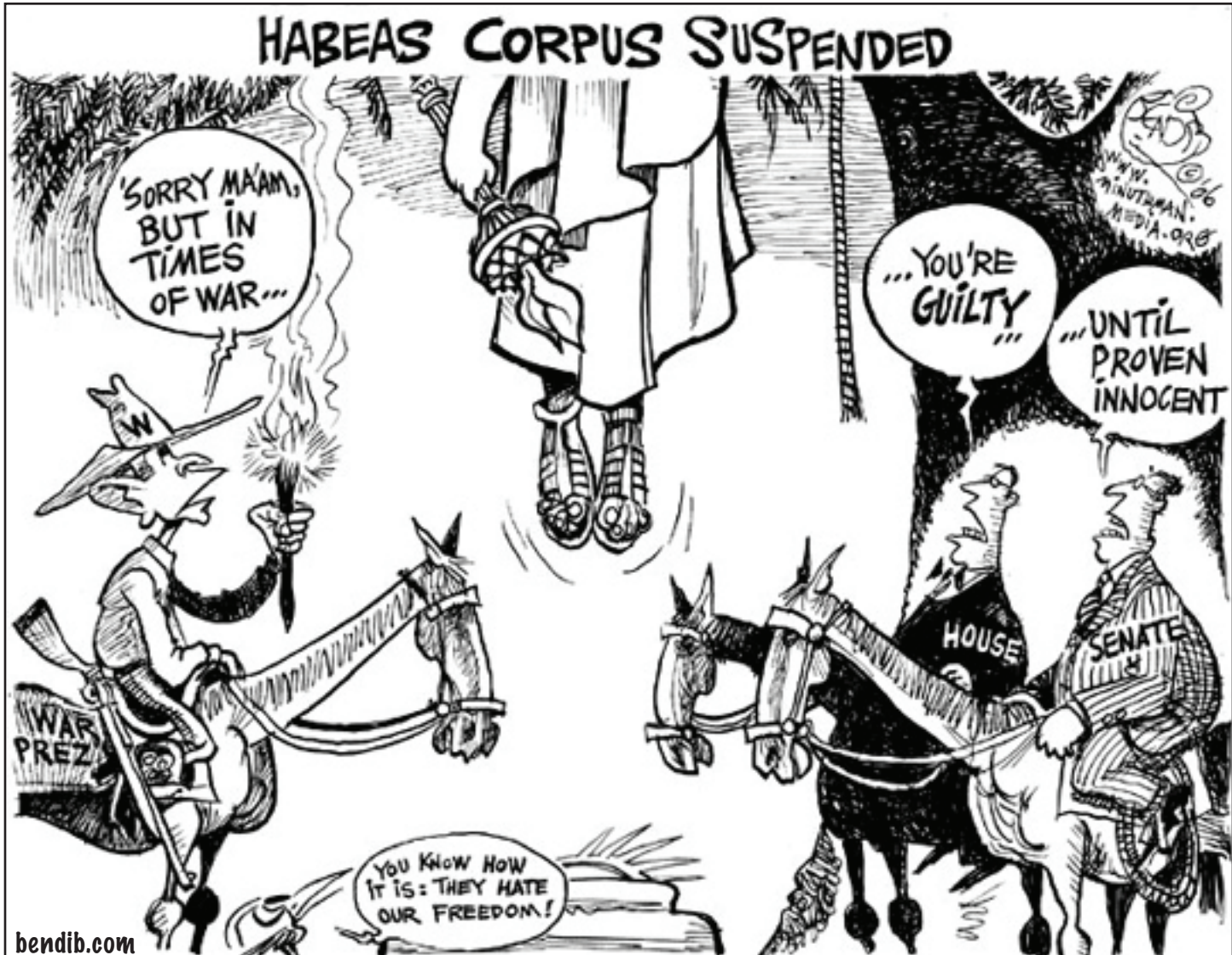
million. There was an unprecedented level of community involvement in the planning process. They arrived at a design with towers of condos, a tower of low income housing, an employment center, and an outdoor garden-galleria. Blocks from the building could be purchased for 15 dollars a piece, (and they say you can't find affordable real estate in the city), the profits went to an organization that trains aboriginal youth in the trades. SFU announced they'd move their School for the Performing Arts into the building. Even Stan Douglas was commissioned to create a mural to commemorate the legacy of the community.

On April 22nd, 06, the 536 units went on sale and in a day were all sold to the tune of 200 million. The initial buyers, apart from a group of friends of the developer, were identified by wristbands- buyers on the internet offered 1000 for a wristband, sellers were asking 5000. "The smart money gets in early," said Bob Rennie, the undisputed king of Vancouver condo sales. "Vancouver can only move in one direction- east. This is your neighbourhood. Be brave or move to the suburbs. That's why I say Woodward's is an intellectual property."

What the heck does that mean, 'an intellectual property'? Does he mean the stupid money will be left holding the bag? I have learned never to look for real meaning in the pitchman's hustle, and yet I cannot help but be sold on this building. The designs are so beautiful; the trees planted on the upper stories are particularly moving.

I love this new building and that is why I'm ashamed, that is why I feel I have the blood of the drug-slaves and the prostitutes on my hands. We know what it means when derelict buildings come down. We saw the same thing when Montreal Mayor Drapeau knocked down all the poor places to beautify for the 76 Olympics. We know that so many of our fires are property owners liquidating their assets. We know that the slum-lord, billion dollar, drug industry has been permitted in part because it lowers the prices for developments like Woodward's. Who's to blame for the slavery? It's us. Shame on us.

I hope Stan Douglas is absolved. He is a very talented local artist, but we will have to see if he includes in his mural any references to the gentrification, to the oppression.



Selected Gems

(Thanks to Constance for forwarding these):

The books which help you most are those which make you think the most. The hardest way of learning is by easy reading; but a great book that comes from a great thinker - it is a ship of thought, deep freighted with truth and with beauty.

Theodore Parker

The difference in the degrees in which the individuals of a great community enjoy the good things of life has been a theme of declaration and discontent in all ages; and it is doubtless our paramount duty, in every state of society, to alleviate the pressure of the purely evil part of this distribution, as much as possible, and, by all the means we can devise, secure the lower links in the chain of society from dragging in dishonor and wretchedness.

Herschel

Left Coast Happenings

Street Newz offers no guarantee that this info is accurate, or that the events will actually occur. Full events list published weekly at relativenewz.ca.

Mondays

Alt Mondays

Alt. Mondays

Mondays

Tuesdays

Tuesdays

Tuesdays

2nd Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Wednesdays

Wednesdays

Wednesdays

Wed evenings

Thursdays

Thurs (to Dec)

Fridays

Fourth Fridays

Last Fridays

Sat Mornings

Saturdays

Saturdays

4th Saturdays

Sat & Sun

Alt. Sundays

Sundays

Sundays

Monthly

Monthly

All month

Ongoing

Ongoing

Thurs Oct 26th

Thurs Oct 26th

Thurs Oct 26th

Thurs Oct 26th

Fri Oct 27th

Oct 27-30th

Sat Oct 28th

Sat Oct 28th

Sat Oct 28th

Sat Oct 28th

Sun Oct 29th

Sun, Oct 29th

Sun Oct 29th

Mon Oct 30th

Wed Nov 1st

Nov 3-5th

Fri Nov 3rd

Fri Nov 3rd

Sat Nov 4th

Sat Nov 4th

Sat Nov 4th

Sun Nov 5th

Nov 7-Dec 10th

Nov 8-10th

Thurs Nov. 9th

Fri Nov 10th

Nov 10-13th

Tues Nov 14th

Tues Nov 14th

Wed Nov 15th

Thurs Nov 16th

Nov 17-18th

Nov 17-19th

Tues Nov 21st

Tues Nov 21st

Jan 15-19th

Movie Monday - 6:30 pm, Eric Martin Pavilion (1900 block Fort St. by donation 595-FLIC or www.islandnet.com/mm

Victoria Peace Coalition - 7:30 pm, dolcla@islandnet.com

Communities Solidarity Coalition - www.communities-solidarity.org, info@communities-solidarity.org

Jazz Monday Jam at Mole 7-9 pm 554 Pandora

Voice of Palestine - 8-9 pm (PST) on 102.7FM. Listen live at <http://www.coopradio.org/listen>, archives in Audio Clips.

Vic Bluegrass Assoc Jams 1620 Fernwood, Orange Hall, 7:30 pm 472-6483 free for listeners, \$2 for players - all levels

Hand Drumming Drop-in, \$10. Beg: 7-8 pm, Adv: 8:15-9:15 pm 521 Superior Info 386-1054 Drums provided.

Green Drinks - Queen Mother Waterside Cafe, 407 Swift St 5-7 pm. Info: www.qmwaterside.ca or www.greendrinks.org

Falun Gong faluninfo.net. Fernwood Community Centre, 1240 Gladstone 5-7 p.m. Info: (250)386-8805 free

Peace Vigils @ the Legislature 7-8 pm-Peace Ambassadors needed to greet int’l visitors! Imagine: War Never Again

Recreational Drum Circle - 7pm, Dwntwn Community Act Ctr, 755 Pandora Free, Drums provided, all levels. 383-0076

SOLID (Society of Living Intravenous Drugusers) except welfare day, 7-9 pm, 1947 Cook St. \$3 bus fare reimbursed

INFORM, Integrative Health Forum - make informed health care decisions. 7-8pm, Free, www.pacificrimcollege.ca

UVic Sustainability Project potluck meetings (local & organic) Harry Hickman Rm 116 250-721-7355 or uvsp.uvic.ca

EYE-OPENER FILMS - Heritage Hall of Duncan United Church, 246 Ingram St., www.coalitioneyeopener.blogspot.com

Coffeehouse discussion group 7:30 pm JJ’s coffeehouse in Brentwood Bay 7:30 pm Info: sue_stroud@hotmail.com

Café Simpatico, Activist coffeehouse,1923 Fernwood. Doors at 7 pm. casc@telus.net , 598-7690, communitypipe.org

Propel Yourself! Victoria Critical Mass Bike Rides - Centennial Square, 5 pm. bring bike, board, helmet, lights, bliss.

Sikh meditation -all welcome 6-7 am, Gurdwara Singh Sabha Society (470 Cecelia Rd) Info: jindi@hotmail.com

Plastic Recycling -soft & hard plastics, and styrofoam 382-4604, www.pacificmobiledepots.com

Tour Merve Wilkinson’s Wildwood Forest, Ladysmith Info: Jay, 250-245-5540, www.ecoforestry.ca/WildwoodMap.htm

Soft Plastic Recycling-Carnarvon Pk,Oak Bay,930-1230 pm,370-7736,oakgreen@telus.net,www.pacificmobiledepots.com

Falun Gong faluninfo.net 10-noon, Beacon Hill Pk, across from petting zoo, all winter. 386-8805 free

Sierra Club Nature Outings - Call Nikko for more details at 386-5255 x241, www.sierraclub.ca/bc

Victoria Folk Music Society 7:30pm, Norway House, 1110 Hillside www.pacificcoast.net/~vfms or 413-3213, 24 hrs

Immigrant Youth (12-18) Group @ ICA - 930 Balmoral, 1-3 pm 388-4728 or youth@icavictoria.org

Faith in Action -a multi-faith coalition working to put more heart into BC’s income assistance. www.bcfaithinaction.ca

Vancouver Island Vegetarian Associaton (VIVA) Potlucks www.islandveg.com

CRD Parks outings and explorations for all ages. 478-3344 www.crd.bc.ca/parks/brochure2.htm

Auditions for Spilt Milk Improv Comedy Troupe 479-3374, spiltmilk@centralmail.com, www.spiltmilkcomedy.com

High Tide Concerts - Barra MacNeils, Ozomatli, Arrogant Worms, John McDermott & more ... www.hightideconcerts.net

Affordable Housing in Whistler - discussion -7:30 am, Ambrosia Ctr RSVP required -Linda, 385-7766 lprochilo@vreb.org

Public Forum on Capital Regional District Wastewater,7-9pm,Camosun College,3100 Foul Bay Rd, Young Bldg Rm 216

Escaping the Matrix with Richard Moore 7 pm, St. John’s Church Lounge, Quadra & Balmoral by donation

Town Meeting on global warming - 7pm, room 123, UVic Engineering Computer Sciences Bldg. Free

Pro Bono Law of BC’s Free Non-Profit Law Seminars - Victoria - 604-893-8932 or www.probononet.bc.ca

Victoria International Arts Symposium - Artists of Conscience Info: www.victoriaartssymposium.com or 386-6121

Canada Out of Afghanistan Rally & Walk - Bring Our Troops Home-Alive-Now. Info: www.acp-cpa.ca, 885-2210

VIVA (Van Isle Vegetarian Assoc) Potluck Esq. Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St. \$3. Info: islandveg.com/viva/node/15

Jello Biafra @ Dreamspace, 751 Discover 7pm-11pm. All ages, Tickets @ Lyle’s, Dark Horse Books. \$20/15

Choctaw 1st Nations Storyteller & Author Tim Tingle, 8-10:15 pm, 1411 Quadra, \$18, 391-2600 ext. 4801

Choctaw 1st Nations Storyteller & Author Tim Tingle - workshop - 1:15-5:15 pm, \$45, 391-2600 ext. 4801

Fm Baghdad to Peace Country - film, 7 pm, Hermann’s-753 View St. \$5-10, 385.3003, www.opencinema.ca

Earth Charter discussion with Roberta Cory, 10:30, Collard Rm, Swan’s - 506 Pandora St. Free. 369-6770

Ghost Tales @ Hatley Castle-730-915pm, 2005 Sooke Rd, 5/2,www.choctawstoryteller.com,laughs@spiltmilkcomedy.com

Day of the Dead Parade - Honouring Street-Involved Womyn - Quadra & Broughton@ 4:30pm kymhothead@gmail.com

Parksville - OUR WATER-OUR FUTURE-conference Qualicum Beach Civic Ctr www.oceansidecoalition.org 250-954-1169

The Great Turning with David Korten 7:30pm, Michele Pujol Room, Student Union Building, U of Victoria. \$20-10

Promoting Peace & Non-violence - Claude AnShin Thomas - 7:30-9:30 pm, \$0-10, UVic Interfaith Chapel

Dialogue with David Korten (the Great Turning) 9-noon, Royal Roads University at the MEWS (the old stables) Free.

Energy Psychology Workshop 10-5pm, \$95 Info: 598-4303 or celestialleo@hotmail.com

No Longer Safe: A Forum & Film Show re: Philippine Human Rights Situation, 7-9, 1709 Blanshard

Promoting Peace & Non-violence - Claude AnShin Thomas - 9-5 pm, \$0-10, UVic Interfaith Chapel

Urinetown: The Musical @ The Belfry Theatre - 250-385-6835 or www.belfry.bc.ca

Starting with Women’s Lives: Changing Today’s Economy (Conference) - Vancouver Info: www.atira.bc.ca/wei/

Clearing the PR Pollution on Climate Chg 7:30,David Lam(Mac A144)UVic,donation, www.desmogblog.com,472-4496

Wise Democracy Forum: Introducing Wisdom Councils 7:30 pm, UVic Fraser Bldg Room 159, By donation

Reconnecting to Life 5th Annual Retreat - Cheakamus River, north of Squamish glorious@portal.ca or 604-857-1400

Public Forum on Capital Regional District Wastewater 7-9pm, Victoria City Hall #1 Centennial Sq.

Sacred Circle Dance Towards Winter, Friends’ Mtg House, 1831 Fern St., by donation, all ages. 592-2848

Public Forum on Capital Regional District Wastewater 7-9pm, Blethering Place, 2250 Oak Bay Ave

Public Forum on Capital Regional District Wastewater 7-9pm, Esquimalt City Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Rd

Healing Ourselves, Healing Our World - 8:30-5pm, \$200, 111 Superior - 361-9916, www.capacitar.org

Close the School of Americas Watch - Fort Benning, Georgia - www.soaw.org

Public Forum on Capital Regional District Wastewater 7-9pm, Juan de Fuca Rec Centre, 1767 Island Highway

Shameless: The Art of Disability - film, 7 pm, Hermann’s, 753 View St. \$5-10, res.- 385.3003, www.opencinema.ca

2nd Homeless Needs Survey (formerly Homeless Count) - funded by Gov’t of Canada) 383-1977, www.coolaid.org

Food Resources

9-10 CLUB (ST. ANDREW’S SOUP KITCHEN)
740 View St. Victoria, B.C. V8W 1J8 ph: 388-5571 8 - 10am seven days a week. Church-run club providing daily meals on a drop-in basis.

ANAWIM COMPANION SOCIETY
973 Caledonia Street Victoria B.C. V8T 1E7 phone: 382-0283
Mon, Tues, Thurs 10am - 5 pm, Weds, Fri 10am8pm, Sat 10am 4pm
Laundry, showers, meals, clothing, limited housing spaces.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
4-697 Goldstream Avenue, Victoria, B.C., V9B 2X2 phone: 474-4443
Tues, Weds: 10am 3pm, Closed last week of month

FOOD NOT BOMBS - a collectively run food kitchen. Ph: 383-5144, ext 1940
Free vegetarian serving Sundays, 3 pm - Harris Green (Pandora & Vancouver)
Bring plastic containers for bowls, bags 4 produce. http://resist.ca/~fnb-victoria

FRUIT AND VEGGIE BOX
C/o Blanshard Community Centre phone: 388-7696
James Bay Community Project phone: 388-7844
WorkLink Employment Society phone: 478-9525
Victoria Native Friendship Centre phone: 384-3211
Wholesale prices, various size boxes. Pay first, pick up following wk.

JAMES BAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
140 Oswego Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 2B1 phone: 389-1470
-Seniors Dinners on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 PM - \$5.75
-Community Dinners Weds, approx. every other mth, usually \$4 & \$2 -12 & under. Tickets must be purchased at the centre in advance-Community school cafe open Mon - Fri 11:45 am -12:30 pm. \$3.25 & child 2.75.

MEALS ON WHEELS phone: 479-6900
For residents of Greater Victoria who, because of age, disability or illness, are unable to prepare an adequate meal for themselves, have inadequate cooking facilities, have no one to prepare meals, or have health and social needs. Referrals from doctors, health & Social Services agencies, concerned friends, family, or personal requests. Current cost of meals- \$6.75. In addition to nutritional benefits, some social interaction.

MUSTARD SEED STREET CHURCH www.mustardseed.ca
625 Queens Avenue, Victoria, B.C., V8T 1L9 phone: 953-1575
Outreach: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Food bank: M,T, W, Th 9-11:45am, 12:30-2:00 pm
M, W, F - Family Hampers, Th - Singles & Couples w/out children. Food bank is closed the week following welfare cheque day. Drop in for food, friendship, counseling, and crisis intervention. Food hampers available. One visit/mth.

OUR PLACE (formerly the Open Door)
713 Johnson St., Victoria, BC V8W 1M8 phone: 385-2454
7am - 3 pm Monday to Friday, closed weekends
Victoria’s ‘Living Room’ - a drop in centre with free sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee, tea, bread, sometimes produce, clothing room, counseling & referrals. Free pet clinic the first Monday of each month.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
828 View Street, Victoria B.C. V8W 1K2 phone: 382-0712
9 am-12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm Mon-Friday, Tues aft for Women
Must be 19 yrs, unless referred by parents, ASK, or Soc Services. Food, clothing, household items. Home visits, food vouchers for parents w/children.

SAINT SAVIOUR’S KITCHEN
310 Henry Street, Church Hall (VicWest) phone: 384-8773
Rainbow Kitchen for women and children, Weds and Fris, 12 noon 1:30 pm

SALVATION ARMY, Family Services and Counselling (singles, too)
2695 Quadra, at Hillside ph: 386-8521 Monday Friday, 9 am 3:30 pm
Emergency food hampers, clothing & small housewares vouchers.

SIKH TEMPLE
Blackwood at Topaz (towards summit park), enter right side door
Every Sunday at noon - Free food serving, lentil dahl and chapatis, etc.

STREETLINK EMERGENCY SHELTER
1634 Store St., Victoria, B.C. V8W 1S2 ph: 384-3634, office 383-1951
Free dinner 7 days a week, 3 pm for meal ticket, serving at 3:30

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
1611 Quadra St., Victoria, B.C., V8W 2L5 phone: 383 7169
Food bank open Tues & Fridays, 10 am-noon, in church basement. (Closed Fri and Tuesday after Welfare Wednesday, and Tuesdays after Monday stat.)

UPPER ROOM SOCIETY
919 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, B.C., V8V 3P4 phone: 388-7112
Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm Meals: Mon-Sat 12-1pm, 45:30 pm
Meal pass costs \$26 a month, or \$1 at the door.

Good Food Box Program - Duncan area - 250-746-4204,
www.providence.bc.ca, mlthomson@uniserve.com

Breakfast Club

First Saturday: Christ Church Cathedral at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church Hall - 680 Courtney St., 7:45-9:30 am

Second Saturday: St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Hall, 680 Courtney St, 8-10 am

Third Saturday: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church Hall, 1800 Quadra St. 8-10

Fourth Saturday: Central Baptist Church, 833 Pandora, 8-10 am; 385-7786

Fifth Saturday: BC Ferry Workers’ Union at St. Andrew’s Hall, 8-10 am

DAY WORKERS FOR HIRE

We provide dependable labour for the odd jobs that arise in your home, office, or business. All wages go directly to the workers.

101-749 Pandora, 388-9296

Housing Resources

No Cost for Service, Time Limited Stay

Salvation Army (Emerg men only) 525 Johnson Street, 384-3396

Streetlink 1634 Store Street, 383-1951

Sandy Merriman House (for women) 809 Burdett Avenue, 480-1408

Sobering & Assessment Ctr (24 hr) 1125 Pembroke (@ Cook) 213-4444

Out of the Rain (Youth 15-25) 812-0490 winter only, various locations

Kiwanis Youth Shelter (13-18) 2117 Vancouver St., 386-8282

Hill House - Women with children 479-3963

Sooke Transition House 642-2591 Women with or without children

Vic. Women’s Transition House 385-6611 Women with or w/out kids

Cridge Centre for the Family 1190 Kings Rd 386-7291 Women & kids

Kiwanis House for single women 16-29 w/ one child 382-1004

Margaret Laurence House 995-0058 Women & kids escaping abuse

Low Cost Monthly Rentals

YWCA Women’s Residence - 880 Courtney Street, 386-7511

Ritz Hotel - 710 Fort Street, 381-1868

Fairfield Hotel - 710 Cormorant St., 386-1621

York Hotel - 711 Johnson Street, 385-2544

Douglas Hotel - 1450 Douglas Street, 383-4157

Ocean Island Backpackers - 791 Pandora Avenue 385-1788

Turtle Refuge Backpackers - 1608 Quadra Street 386-4471

Vic. Human Exchange Soc. 361- 2762, 1-800-691-9366, www.humanx.org

Extreme Outreach - men only, \$350 + dep. No alcohol or drugs. 708-2064

Subsidized and/or Supported Housing Services

BC Housing (subsidized - low income families, 55+, or w/disabilities)
301- 3440 Douglas Street, 475-7550 www.bchousing.org

Burnside Gorge Community Assoc. 388-5251 members.shaw.ca/bgca

Capital. Region Housing (subsidized, low income families, 55+, disabilities)
623 Fisgard, 388-6422 www.crd.bc.ca/housing

Coordinated Housing Registry (subsidized & supported housing)
www.coolaid.org 826 Cormorant St. 356-2548

M’Akola Housing Society 384-1423

Pacifica Housing Advisory Assoc. (families) 827 Fisgard 385-2131

Pacifica Housing Serv/Downtown Outreach Serv (connects low-income folk w/ housing in private sector) 826 Cormorant 356-2555

Pandora Youth Apts 753 Pandora, For 15-19 yrs, Andrea - 380-2663

St. Vincent de Paul Soc. 382-2767 www.svdpvictoria.com/services/

Victoria Senior Citizen Housing Society #501-620 View, 384-3434

Housing Searches on the Internet

BC Housing Subsidized Housing List www.bchousing.org

Brown Bros. Property Management www.brownbros.com

BC Co-Operative Housing www.chf.bc.ca/

Camosun Off Campus Housing List http://www.myidealhome.com/ccss

David Burr Property Management www.davidburr.com

UVic Off Campus Housing www.housing.uvic.ca/offcampus/search.htm

Helpful Housing Hints

- 1. Add your name to the BC Housing list.
- 2. Add your name to the Coordinated Housing Registry.
- 3. Get the addresses & phone numbers of subsidized or supported housing units from the Cool Aid Society, the BGCA, M’Akola, etc. If you find one you like, make friends, impress them, ask them to pull your name off the list. They can let you in, but you have to be listed with BC Housing first.

Some places to call for help

Action Committee of People with Disabilites - 926 View St., 383-4105

Adult Addiction Comm. Treatment Serv: 2nd floor, 1250 Quadra, 727-3544

AIDS Vancouver Island: 1601 Blanshard St., 384-2366

Alano Club: 1402 Broad St, 383-9151

Alcoholics Anon: #8, 2020 Douglas, 383-7744 (help), 383-0415 (off)

Cool-Aid Medical Clinic: 385-1466

Cool-Aid Phone Message Service (\$5/mth): 383-1977

Credit Counselling - 477-9998

Foundation of Support of Recovery for Men: 480-1342

Men’s Trauma Centre: 381-6367, #203-1420 Quadra St. www.menstrauma.ca

Outreach Services Methadone Clinic: 2004 Fernwood Rd., 480-1232

Problem Gambling Help Line - 1-888-795-6111

Prostitute Empowerment & Education (PEERS): 744 Fairview Rd., 388-5325

Research, Education, Evaluation, & Support Prog. (REES): 595-8619

Salvation Army Addictions & Rehab Centre: 525 Johnson, 384-3396

Society of Living Intravenous Drugusers (SOLID): 7-9 pm Weds, 1947 Cook

Together Against Poverty Society (TAPS): #415 - 620 View Street 361-3521

Victoria Native Friendship Centre: 610 Johnson Street, 384-3211

Victoria Sobering & Assessment Centre: 1125 Pembroke, 213-4444

Vancouver Island Addiction Recovery Soc.: 536 Cecelia, 480-1342

Keeping the GLI Alive !!!

From: *Livable Income For Everyone LIFE*
<gli2020@shaw.ca>

Hi Janine,

Thanks for the great job you did on 'guaranteed livable income and the golden rule' in the September Street Newz.

It is a universal scientific fact that we all need money to stay healthy and alive. As such, I can't understand why all progressive organizations are not holding public meetings for their members to reach a consensus as to how to create as good health as possible for all forms of life.

In this regard, it seems reasonable to say those of us in Victoria who over the last decade have risked public condemnation in our support of good health for all forms of life should be asking other people to step forward and answer some basic questions.

For example, if the consensus does not support a universal guaranteed income, how can we expect poor people not to harvest more natural resources to sell to make money to stay alive?

In this regard, until more people are willing to hold public meetings and put their ideas for good health for all up for public discussion, it will be very difficult, if not impossible, for small groups such as Street Newz, SWAG and LIFE because of lack of money and lack of public support. However, given the essential issues that Street Newz, SWAG and LIFE are dealing with there is no logical reason why progressive organizations are not either sending us money or telling us that they can do a much better job solving the health problems being experienced by all living creatures great and small.

To this end, Street Newz is particularly important because most world citizens don't have access to the internet. As such, unless other progressive organizations step forward to do the job, Street Newz should go international and be translated into every language under the sun. This may seem to be 'financially' impossible; however, just because something is currently impossible doesn't mean that it is not necessary.

The outreach to other progressives can be stated as such:

1) Whereas Street Newz is written by and

for poor people, Street Newz is about the democratic majority of world citizens.

2) Whereas Street Newz is about and for the democratic majority of world citizens, Street Newz asks all those progressive organizations who support democracy, and, especially economic democracy, to support Street Newz with the money it needs to reach all world citizens.

3) Therefore, be it resolved that either progressive organizations support Street Newz with the money it needs or that these progressive organizations begin to do the outreach that Street Newz is doing.

At first blush, no doubt many progressive organizations would think that Street Newz is asking for the sky. However, none of the newspapers, magazines and other outreach put out by progressive organizations currently supports a guaranteed livable income as solution to the health problems being experienced by the majority of forms of life attempting to share Planet Earth. Therefore, by default, progressive organizations are supporting economic growth instead of a GLI, which they might claim is necessary to maintain their funding and public support. Even from this perspective, there is no reason for progressives not to fund Street Newz.

For example, if just 1000 progressives in Victoria pledged just 10 dollars a month, it would be \$10,000 a month for an office, equipment and artists to write and create images in support of good health for life everywhere.

When people routinely spend \$20 on 'one' beer, a pack of smokes and something to eat, \$10 a month is not much to ask. Moreover, if there is not 1000 progressives in Victoria then we are all in a lot of trouble.

Next, if just 10,000 British Columbian progressives sent just \$10 a month to Street Newz, it would be \$100,000 a month to begin the process of writing an international newspaper in support of good health for all. Globally, 100,000 progressives at \$10 a month would mean \$1,000,000 a month and an international newspaper and The Victoria International Center for Global Health and Justice (or whatever name people so choose).

Many people who have come to GLI meetings put on by SWAG and LIFE have agreed

that everyone needs to be healthy and that harvesting more natural resources is not the solution to ill health. However, most people seem to believe that either nothing can be done to stop the violence being done in the name of economics or that 'other people' were responsible for solving this problem.

But why would anyone think that current world leaders were better able to solve our shared problems than those of us living in Victoria. In fact, there is not the slightest bit of evidence that current world leaders are even trying to end the violence being committed on behalf of economic growth. As you put it in the Women's Economic Justice Report, "a guaranteed livable income would be a big paradigm shift."

Surely, now is the time for all progressives to pledge at least \$10 a month to see whether that shift can begin here in Coast Salish territory.

Once again, thanks for your help on guaranteed livable income and the golden rule.

editor's note: the anarchist in me really appreciates your suggestion that politicians, who receive a guaranteed income, ought to grant the same to all others (see september snz). and, while i truly appreciate your call for a voluntary taxation to support the growth of the street newz project, i'm not sure how quickly i want that to happen. some days i dream of nanaimo and duncan street newzes, other days i think we might accomplish the end of poverty more readily if service agencies would think about and talk about and plan for the day themselves. the street newz, when there's no more poverty and homelessness, will evolve into a literary rag - still a place for creativity, but with a slightly different slant. what will the service agencies evolve into?

there are many ways to support street newz. we accept bus and recreational facilities passes, we have a coffee/tea fund at the solstice cafe, and a monthly mailbox fee with raincoast business centre. a non-profit, the bread and roses collective, keeps an account at vancity and a board of directors that divvies up those funds. and i'm currently doing some fundraising to support all my media work - at <http://www.givemeaning.com/donate/nggprofile.aspx?gg=512>

check out relativenewz.ca, keep yer thinking caps on, & work for real progressive change!!

The Advocate

By W. Robert Arnold

The Liberal government of this province says it wants to make the provincial economy strong. In my opinion, they are doing the wrong things to make this happen. It has been illustrated in other jurisdictions that many of the things this government is doing depress the economy and create havoc in the streets, thereby discouraging business and investment.

Encouraging private investment and business merely makes rich people and their companies richer. It does not do as much to make the provincial economy strong, as they would have us believe.

If you want to make the economy strong you must encourage business by creating more demand for goods and services. You need a market before you create the goods and services to meet the demand. Businesses that meet a demand are successful. Businesses, that have little demand to meet, fail.

So the question becomes, "How do we create the demand for goods and services so that business has a market?" The answer to that is simple. Create consumers!

This does not mean giving good consumers or rich people more money with which to consume, because giving money to people who are already good consumers does nothing toward the goal of creating consumers. It just allows rich people to consume more, and much of the time they spend that money in places like Hawaii, Cancun or put it in offshore accounts.

To create consumers it is necessary to give money to people who are not good consumers. The only real reason a person is not a good consumer is that he or she cannot afford to be one. That is a poor person, who can only afford, if they are lucky, food and shelter.

I am suggesting we give money to poor people, who will spend it right here in our own economy, not in foreign economies. Poor people will take not take it out of the country to avoid taxes, as certain rich families have done.

In this way we will create a greater demand for goods and services here, thereby creating more jobs producing and providing the goods and services here and a greater tax base here.

The oft-heard objection to this plan is that these people, who will be given this money, will not contribute to society. This, of course, is nonsense. We already have more than enough people producing

goods and services, or we would not have such high unemployment. Furthermore, the people who get this money will be contributing by consuming, and in many other ways, some of which may well be productive.

The present government of BC is either stupid, or is lying to us about what they want to accomplish. I suspect it is lying to us. What it really wants to do is privatize as many government functions as they can, so that they and their friends can make money from them.

What they should do is raise welfare rates to the poverty line and let the poor into the marketplace. That would raise the economic activity. It would also mean that poverty would disappear as a social problem in our province.

Another oft heard objection to this plan is that poor people from all over would move here for the better rates. I say, "Let them come!" More good consumers makes for a better economy, doesn't it?

Finally, the objection that it would lead to inflation always gets trotted out. Well, if you peg the Welfare rate to the cost of living index, the only people hurt by inflation would be the rich and their corporations. Do you really believe inflation would happen then?

The government could afford this plan by raising taxes on the rich and their corporations and making them actually pay the taxes. They could allocate funds differently as well. Paying millions to get the "Olympic Games" to come to British Columbia is not a reasonable way to allocate money.

We must educate the public and our politicians about this situation and demand they comply with our wishes. It is time to end the Reign of Terror in this province. It is time for the government to stop using Economic Terrorism to further its ideological goals.

Robert has been an advocate and anti-poverty activist since 1975. He is presently involved with the federated anti-poverty groups of BC and the National Anti-Poverty Organization. His mission is to eradicate poverty from the world. He might need a couple more lifetimes to complete it; but he will continue until it is finished. You can write to Robert at advocate64@hotmail.com.



DOWN TIMES

By Brian Mason

Herein, a tale of three cities and what lessons we might learn from it. First is Nelson, a beautiful and once-tranquil city in the Kootenays, with one of the most delightful, historic main streets of any small city in Canada. Small, locally-owned, independent businesses, which used to close on Sundays, line its main street. The coming of Wal-Mart to an ugly, incongruous-seeming mall beside the lake near Nelson’s downtown forced these Baker Street businesses to remain open seven days a week in order to compete. Near Wal-Mart are two newish big-box grocery stores, also open on Sundays, adding to the unsightliness along the waterfront. This turning of a commercial corner has shattered Nelson’s culture, all for the sake of increased tax revenue for the city and superfluous consumer goods. And it’s not only Nelson that’s affected; these mega-stores suck in shoppers from small communities throughout the west Kootenay, making it tough for their businesses to survive. Mindless, soul-destroying shopping has become a default leisure-time activity in this once laid-back city.

With quarter of a century-old restrictions on Sunday shopping, Halifax recently hosted the spectacle of large chain stores launching unseemly commercial challenges to this day of rest: roping off their aisles, snakelike, in a ridiculous, provocative move intended to circumvent the square-metres limits in stores allowed to remain open on Sundays. The provincial government, alas, recently caved in to court challenges from the corporations; now Halifax has, like the rest of us, unfettered seven-days-a week retail shopping. Its race to the bottom is on.

Closer to home is smug Langford, choking on its hideous overdevelopment, thinking it has pulled a fast one on the rest of us by rolling out the carpet for Home Depot and Costco and their bloated retail cousins – all to gain a few hanging flower-baskets and decorative street-lamps along its thoroughfares. It’s become an out-of-control homage to over-consumption, a city whorling – and whoring – in the maelstrom of development while ripping apart its natural environment.

The world as mall and big-box store: consumerism as capitalism’s front-line terrorist. This socio-cultural invader – propelled by endless blasts of advertising, at once energizing and numbing – subverts our culture and erases our history. Its well-trained herd of citizen-consumers – dressed in the latest fashions and driving their fat SUVs toward the next beckoning commodity in the marketplace while yakking into their colourful, nano-sized, hands-free cellphones – is relentless. Life as cliché, just as it looks and sounds.

Our home places need regular down time. We live now like a horse galloping at full speed, all the while being urged on by the stimulations around us to go faster and faster. That’s become our existence in the flat-out over-consuming modern world. Yet we are not evolved to live this way; for 99 per cent of human history, we lived in small, stable, slow-moving groups as gatherer-hunters with little technology, noise

or noticeable change during a lifetime. At today’s breakneck pace of living, something begins sooner or later to go awry. In a race without end or purpose, no satisfaction point can ever be reached.

Yet, without having become fully conscious of it, we yearn for what ecologist Ivan Illich calls conviviality. It’s a word, not much used today, whose root means ‘living with’. It means treating the earth – and living with it – as a commons, rather than as a commodity for one species to endlessly exploit for its own gain.

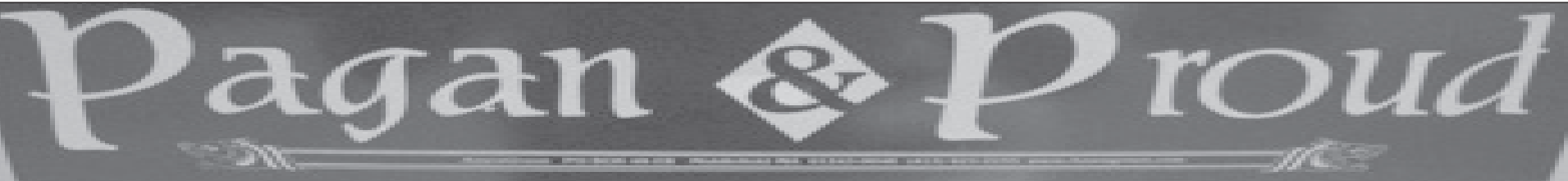
Conviviality, for Illich, posits the notion that less is more. It embraces limits to economic growth and consumerism so humans can live in harmony with the natural world and with each other. Reducing the production of consumer goods, for example, results in more opportunities for creativity and reflection. Bicycles, libraries and poetry are, for Illich, the tools of conviviality. A city moving at the speed of a bicycle is quiet, clean, safe and sociable; libraries offer equal-access opportunity for learning; and poetry gives personal meaning to our lives.

Poetry, bicycles and libraries.....Where can these lead society in its groping, consumer-driven chaos of anxious rushing – all spurred on by the mindless gyre of new technology? Towards, one would hope, days of rest, though not in the religious sense. The twin machineries of production and consumption need to be unplugged regularly. This goal, of course, would be rejected out-of-hand as naive. It would be bad for the economy, after all; Canada would lose step with the rest of the mad, mad world. People might be inconvenienced. Shareholders would cry foul. And which day of the week, in a multicultural society, would we choose as the commerce-free one? But these are mere quibbles and details, the stuff of those who stand to lose a few dollars if we adopt a regular weekly day of rest for society: a day off in which only emergency services would remain open. No retail stores, malls, restaurants or pubs, no construction projects, no newspapers, and no commercial recreational facilities, including movie theatres, would be permitted to operate. If there was a practical way to turn off commercial television, radio and the internet, I would suggest these actions too. Parks, trails, sidewalks, beaches, streets, gardens, swimming pools, skating rinks, museums, art galleries, libraries, festivals, homes and yards would have ascendancy for one day every week.

Think of the peace and tranquility a commerce and technology-free day would bring. There would be little traffic or noise; cycling and walking would trump the car. Society would slow down, chill out, gain some perspective. We could all breathe a little slower and a little deeper, taking time to smell (even plant!) the flowers. As our lives regained equilibrium, our minds could find room for contemplation and meditation.

In ending, it’s worth noting that all the major religions in the world recognize the need for down times, in the sense of taking time out to appreciate the world around us. I am calling for a secular version of this great concept, before we are completely overcome by our rapaciousness.

Submitted by Brian Mason, a writer, philosopher and environmental activist living in James Bay.



apparently truck loads of trees are regularly cut and turned into wooden pallettes which are tossed in the garbage by the truckload. entrepreneurial types might consider arranging, with local businesses, to collect and re-distribute these - for firewood if nothing else.

Starting With Trees And A Blank Stare

The film has just started. A blank stare from a pair of eyes bloodshot and widening. Blue lightening bolts in the cracked egg of our very own planet earth. A jagged fingernail bloodied and hooked like a thin new moon streaks the glass lens of the screen. Sound of a blackboard being irritated by the unhinged scream of fresh chalk, as if talking.

- "The trouble with religion is it needs followers."
- "The trouble with people is the leaders."
- "The trouble with psychology is it needs brains."
- "And the trouble with the mind is the body."
- "The trouble with art is the government."
- "And the trouble with colour is the application."
- "And there's probably more, but we don't have the time or the space or the money. Or the donuts. Or the mint tea ice-cream."

The screen fills with the light of a million candles or something like that. The loud tin sound of a sound mike being turned on:

From nothing comes nothing. Eternity at all points. And the voice of poet Dylan Thomas: 'Do not go gentle into that good night.'

And the sound of an abrupt snore. A sudden loud gasp for air. A light bulb popping. And a tired male of maybe forty of mid Atlantic origins:

"Oh, buggar all the references. Can't you see it? Can't you hear it? Does it not do something for you? Well, leave then. Eat the cheese and the crackers. Just leave. And leave the plumbing alone."

A last gurgle of water from a bath. The longest piped gurgle to an outside. Somewhere in time. Somewhere in space. Somewhere in someone's head. Or maybe in space. Or maybe in someone else's head! Space! The lots-more-of-it!

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editor's note: watch for a public reading, with paul, at the fernwood community centre, sometime in early november. as we go to print i can't recall the exact day and he doesn't have a phone or email.

Street Muzings

A Precious Little Girl

I'm glad that I went for a walk that day,
Because I met a precious child along the way,
I saw her in the distance— she looked so frail and small,
And she didn't seem to have any meat on her bones at all,
She stood upon the shore looking out to sea,
As I approached she didn't seem to notice me,
No shoes— no coat— her dress was threadbare,
She didn't move a muscle— like a statue she stood there,
She didn't even shiver in the icy wind that blew,
I was at a loss of what to say or do.
I saw her tear— stained face as she slowly turned her head,
And when I looked into her eyes— my heart was filled with dread,
I could see her damaged soul struggling to survive,
But the hurt was so intense— she was losing the desire to be alive,
In her eyes I saw hopelessness— not just childish fears,
The body of a child— but a soul that was so much older and wiser than her tender years,
All this I knew— without a spoken work,
Her eyes told me everything— she needed to be heard,
My heart went out to her— I couldn't walk away,
If she needed company— I would stay there with her all day.
So I knelt down beside her and gently wiped her eyes,
I saw a flicker of hope— I think I caught her by surprise,
I told her that it was her choice for me to stay or go,
She had the right to choose for herself and the right to say “No”,
I promised that I wouldn't ask any questions or force her to speak,
But I couldn't stop the tears that were running down my cheek,
That's when I felt her little fingers on my face as she brushed the tears away,
My heart melted and I knew then that I'd be back every day,
I gave her a smile and she gave a tiny smile back to me,
I told her that her smile was beautiful from what I could see,
That made her grin even wider and then she laughed out loud.
Suddenly— fear replaced the laughter— in her home laughter must not be allowed.

I told her that it was okay to laugh around me— not to be afraid,
She was free to be herself— no rules to be obeyed,
Other children would have been thrilled by that freedom— at any time— in any place,
But she just stood there with a puzzled look on her face,
Not a typical 4 year old— planning all the fun things she would do,
Instead she was looking for a Catch— 22.
Experience had taught her that everything had a price,
So she was suspicious of anything freely given and anyone who was nice.
I watched her as she tried to balance out the pros and cons in her head.
Did she dare to risk believing that I meant what I had said?
She desperately wanted to let down her guard with me,
But she was afraid of the cost— how much would it be?
I gave her all the time she needed— no pressure to decide,
I sensed that unconditional love was missing in her life since her Mother had died.
She looked so lonely and vulnerable even though she acted tough.
That precious little girl had already suffered more than enough.
What was it about her that caused my heart to melt?
Why could I read all her thoughts and know how she felt.
I even shared her grief for all the losses in her life and the death of the child she used to be.
I knew her heartache— I felt her pain inside of me.
I hated that monster for what he had done,
She didn't deserve to be hurt by anyone.
I don't know why she allowed herself to trust me that day,
Despite her fears-she ran to me anyway.
Her instincts must have told her that I truly cared,
And that I wouldn't reject her no matter what she shared,
I held out my arms and she sat down on my lap carefully,

I could feel her tension— she still wasn't completely sure of me.
All I did was rock her and tell her that it was okay,
That I would never hurt her— I had no price for her to pay,
I praised her for her courage and told her she was the bravest little girl that I had ever met,
And I told her that I knew there was a lot about her that I hadn't discovered yet,
But no matter what it was—she didn't need to feel ashamed,
When others hurt her—it was them who should be blamed,
I told her not to believe anyone who said it was her fault.
There was no valid excuse for hurting her or the names that she was called.
I felt her relaxing in my arms and the tension leave.
The wall that was still between us crumbled down— she finally had hopes of reprieve.
She wrapped her arms around my neck and pulled my head down— until we were chin to chin,
Then she looked into my eyes and gave me a silly grin.

That precious little girl had been starving for affection for so long,
Now she felt so happy to have her secret wish fulfilled—this is what she wanted all along.
Just to know one person really cared,
Just to know she wasn't all alone,
Just to know there was someone who she could phone,
Someone who would help her fight,
Someone who believed the abuse wasn't right.
It felt like a miracle to her to believe someone cared about her
just when all had seemed hopeless and dark,
That's when I saw the first twinkle in her eyes—
her secret wish fulfilled was all it took to relight her spark,
I was surprised when she gave me a little peck on the cheek.
I was touched— at first I was too choked up to speak.
That precious little girl and I formed a special bond that day,
We both knew that as long as she needed me— I'd never go away.
I told her that I wouldn't let anybody hurt her as long as I was around
And if they did when I wasn't there—I'd come back and knock them to the ground.
Then I told her that I was glad to have met her—she was a pleasure to know,
As I finished speaking—I saw her face was aglow!
What a difference between this little girl and the one I met before.
The one with the tear-stained face who I first saw standing on the shore!

Jill Cater



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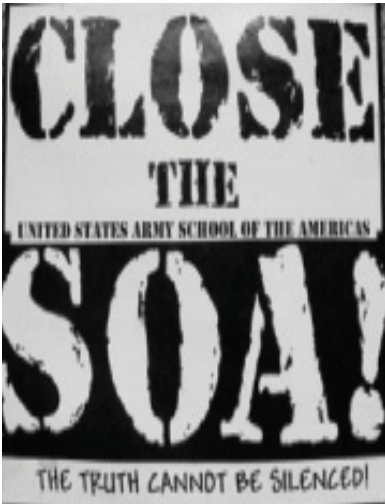
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Keep me warm
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In this lonely storm

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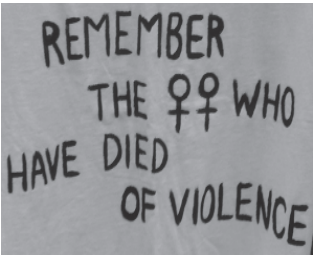
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Counting the Beans				
	Aug	Sept	Oct	
Operating Revenue				
Coordinator's Revenue				
Paper Sales (from vendors)	580.00	656.00	595.00	
Donations	300.00	110.00	180.00	
Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	50.00	
Advertising	0.00	0.00	35.00	
Salary from B & R	600.00	650.00	650.00	
Belfry Bottles	0.00	40.00	0.00	
Total Coordinator's Revenue	1480.00	1456.00	1510.00	
B&R Revenue (deposited)				
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Donations	50.00	530.00	30.00	
Subscriptions	100.00	35.00	20.00	
Grant Monies	1000.00	0.00	0.00	
Total B&R Rev. (deposited)	1150.00	565.00	50.00	
Total Operating Revenue	1480.00	1456.00	1510.00	
Operating Expenses				
Coordinator's Expenses				
Paper & Printing Costs	557.54	579.28	597.78	
Office expenses	39.00	195.00	36.00	
Misc. (postage, fees, etc.)	77.91	61.26	68.90	
Replacement Camera	0.00	390.00	0.00	
Community reciprocity	75.00	105.00	60.00	
Total Coordinator's Expenses	749.45	1330.54	762.68	
B & R Expenses				
Bus Tickets (2 for 1)	35.00	35.00	35.00	
fm City of Vic Grant	50.00	50.00	50.00	
fm Vancity Grant	500.00	500.00	500.00	
fm KAIROS Grant	25.00	50.00	50.00	
fm PSAC Grant	25.00	50.00	50.00	
sub ttl B&R Expenses	635.00	685.00	685.00	
Total Operating Expenses	1384.45	2015.54	1447.68	
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